

## House Resolution No. 2168

**Whereas**, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are called upon to honor remarkable Show-Me State couples who have experienced the good fortune of success in marriage, a most delightful task which this legislative body embraces with great enthusiasm; and

**Whereas**, sixty-five wondrous years ago on April 17, 1938, Paul J. Mathes took the hand of his beautiful bride, Velna Laveta Boothe, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony in McCune, Kansas; and

**Whereas**, in the many years since that heavenly day, Paul and Velna Mathes have had the pleasure of raising three sons, Melvin Mathes and Lloyd Mathes of Harrisonville, Missouri, and Harold Mathes of Yuma, Arizona, and the privilege of spoiling seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, all of whom have brought great pride and happiness into the lives of their loved ones; and

**Whereas**, an avid camper, Paul Mathes provided a comfortable home and secure future for his loved ones through his successful endeavors as a welder; and

**Whereas**, Velna, who enjoys needlepoint, distinguished herself by receiving a Certificate of Appreciation and by being named Employee of the Month at Cass Medical Center, where she was employed in the laundry department until her retirement; and

**Whereas**, Paul and Velna Mathes have found the road to happiness by putting all of their energy, love, and ambition into their marriage and by knowing that a successful union is built upon such strong qualities as sacrifice, dedication, and honesty; and

**Whereas**, residents of Harrisonville, Mr. and Mrs. Mathes undoubtedly renewed their commitment to keep their relationship fresh and alive when they celebrated the glorious occasion of their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary on April 12, 2003, at the First Baptist Church:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Paul and Velna Mathes for their tremendous success in achieving sixty-five years of wedded bliss and in wishing them many happy and rewarding years to come; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mathes, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Rex Rector  
District No. 124

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2168, adopted April 24, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker